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Mr. K. David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Application of Memphis Networx, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunication Services and Joint Petition of Memphis Light Gas & Water Division, a Division of the City of Memphis, Tennessee ("MLGW") and A&L Networks-Tennessee, LLC ("A&L"), for Approval of Agreement Between MLGW and A&L Regarding Joint Ownership of Memphis Networx, LLC.

Docket No. 99-00909

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Petition to Intervene in the above-styled matter. We would like to file as counsel for the four TDS companies: Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc. and Tennessee Telephone Company. These are all wholly-owned subsidiaries of TDS Telecom. We are enclosing our check in the amount of \$25.00 in payment of the requisite filing fee.

Very truly yours
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**Enclosures** 

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# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF MEMPHIS NETWORX, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND JOINT PETITION OF MEMPHIS LIGHT GAS & WATER DIVISION, A DIVISION OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE ("MLGW") AND A&L NETWORKS-TENNESSEE, LLC ("A&L"), FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MLGW AND A&L REGARDING JOINT OWNERSHIP OF MEMPHIS NETWORX, LLC.

**DOCKET NO. 99-00909** 

#### **PETITION TO INTERVENE**

COMES Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc., and Tennessee Telephone Company, all wholly owned subsidiaries of TDS TELECOM (collectively "Intervenors"), and respectfully petition the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to permit them to intervene in the above-styled Docket. In support of their Petition to Intervene, the Intervenors state as follows:

- 1. The Intervenors are: (a) all Tennessee Corporations; (b) all local exchange carriers serving portions of the State of Tennessee; (c) all may or could be affected by the TRA's decision in the above docket; and (d) all are subject to the TRA's Rule 1220-4-6.
- 2. This Petition is being filed pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-107. A hearing date has not been set for this matter.
- 3. The Intervenors submit that the intervention sought in this proceeding is: (a) in the interest of justice; (b) permitted by statute; and (c) and will not impair the orderly or prompt conduct of the proceedings.

THEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Intervenors respectfully requests the TRA that

they be permitted to intervene in this Docket and become parties in this cause.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served a true and exact copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this on February 23, 2000 upon the following.

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